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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON CBO US SEA CONTROL MISSION STUDY

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1. FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE USED IN RESPONDING TO
INQUIRIES ON CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE STAFF STUDY
ON THE US SEA CONTROL MISSION:

A) STUDIES OF THIS NATURE ARE ROUTINELY PREPARED BY
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NECESSARILY REFLECT VIEWS OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF US
GOVERNMENT

B) DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE DO NOT AGREE WITH THOSE
PORTIONS OF CBO STUDY CRITICAL OF US DEFENSE POSTURE IN
ICELAND.

C) USG DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE IMPORTANT NATO FACILITIES AT KEFLAVIK COULD BE REPLACED BY DEPLOYMENT OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER NOR DOES STUDY CONCLUDE THIS.

D) USG REGARDS THESE NATO FACILITIES AS CREDIBLE DETERRENT TO ATTACK, NOT A FACTOR INCREASING THE VULNERABILITY OF

ICELAND OR LIKELIHOOD OF ATTACK ON KEFLAVIK.

E) WE CONSIDER ROLE OF NATO BASE AT KEFLAVIK AS EFFECTIVE, ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN WESTERN SECURITY POSTURE AND A STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT FACILITY FOR THE DEFENSE OF NATO, ICELAND AND THE US.

2. FYI: WE SEE NO REASON TO GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL ON STUDY OR RESPOND TO ANY OF THE SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN. END FYI.

3. RELEVANT EXCERPTS OF STUDY WILL BE CABLED SUBSEQUENTLY AND COMPLETE COPY POUCHED SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

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